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SUBJECT: COTTON TEXTILES

REF: A. SAN SALVADOR 0246; B. STATE 039471

1. ON MARCH 5 WE CONVEYED POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL B TO DR. ALAS IN PRESENCE OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FIRM CONCERNED ( IUSA).

2. WE RECEIVED A LETTER ( COPY POUCHED) ON MARCH 9 FROM SUB- SECRETARY OF MNECON, CARLOS VALENCIA, WHO ASKED US TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS TO THE DEPARTMENT: A) THAT UNUSED AMOUNTS FROM SPECIFIC QUOTAS IN CATEGORIES 9 AND 61 BE TRANSFERRED TO PERMIT ENTRY OF TWO IUSA SHIPMENTS OF CATEGORIES 1-; EACH OF 16,000 POUNDS ( INVOICES NOS. 2-0497 AND 2-0012), WHICH US CUSTOMS, NEW YORK IS HOLDING UP. IN EVENT THAT ONLY 16,000 POUNDS CAN BE ENTERED CHARGEABLE TO THE 1972/73 QUOTA, THEN THE SECOND 16,000 POUNDS BE ADMITTED BUT CHARGED TO THE 1973/74 QUOTAS; B) THAT THE USG PROVIDE CLEAR DEFINITIONS AND DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN CATEGORIES 9 AND 26 SO THAT THE GOES MAY MAKE CORRECT CATEGORY APPLICATIONS ; C) THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE DATA ON US IMPORTS OF SALVADORAN COTTON TEXTILES BY CATEGORIES TO PERMIT ADJUSTMENTS OF GOES DATA.

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3. IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH DR. ALAS, THE LATTER CLARIFIED THAT IF SUB- SECRETARY VALENCIA'S REQUESTS CANNOT BE GRANTED, THEN GOES PREFERS THAT THE CATEGORIES 1-4 QUOTA BE INCREASED BY 5 PERCENT TO BE TAKEN FROM CATEGORY 61. THE MINISTRY HAS A CABLE ADDRESSED TO IUSA FROM MALDEN MILLS QUOTING US CUSTOMS NEW YORK AS SAYING THAT 257,000 POUNDS OF THE 260,000 POUND QUOTA HAVE BEEN UTILIZED, THEREFORE, TWO SHIPMENTS WERE BEING HELD UP. USING THIS FIGURE, THE MINISTRY ADDED 5 PERCENT AND BELIEVES AT LEAST ONE OF THE 16,000 POUND SHIPMENTS COULD BE ENTERED UNDER THIS YEAR'S QUOTA AND THUS GIVE RELIEF TO MALDEN MILLS. THE SOLUTION OFFERED IN REFTEL B TO THE PENDING SHIPMENT OF 44,000 POUNDS WILL APPLY THEREFORE TO THE EMBARGOED GOODS AND WOULD BE SHIPPED FOR ENTRY AGAINST THE 1973/74 QUOTA.

4. CONCERNING THE SHIFT OR MISCLASSIFICATION BETWEEN CATEGORIES 9 AND 26, THE GOES REQUESTS THAT 5 PERCENT BE ADDED TO CATEGORY 26, TO BE TAKEN FROM CATEGORY 9 WHICH ACCORDING TO REFTEL B IS UNDER- UTILIZED. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO DISCOVER THE CLASSIFICATION PROBLEM AND IT APPEARS TO CENTER ON THE INABILITY TO UNDERSTAND ANY DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TRANSLATION OF THE TERM " WOVEN" ( CAT 26) AND " CARDED SHEETING" ( CARD 9). A TEXTILE OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE TWO TYPES OF COTTON EXPORTED UNDER THE GOES/ INDUSTRY INTERPRETATION OF CAT 9 ARE: A) ESTRELLA ( THE EXPORTER) STYLE E-11 WHICH IS 3.13 YARDS PER POUND AND B) STYLE FS-385, WHICH IS 2.85 YEARS PER POUND.

5. THE MINISTRY REQUESTS THAT ANY RELIEF WHICH CAN BE GIVEN THE EMBARGOED CATEGORIES 1-4 GOOD BE COMMUNICATED TO CUSTOMS, NY WITH INFORMATION TO THE EMBASSY . THEY ARE ALSO ANXIOUS TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM OF MISCLASSIFICATION AND RECONCILE THEIR DATA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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